

FY 2008 QUESTION NUMBER: 1

QUESTION:

What are the criteria for placement of parent community coordinators in schools? What schools meet the criteria but do not have these positions? What is the cost of a parent community coordinator position?

BUDGET PAGE REFERENCE: 1-3, 3-75, 3-85, 9-12

ANSWER:

Parent Community Coordinators (PCCs) fall into one of three categories; those assigned to the Division of ESOL/Bilingual Programs, those assigned to the Division of Family and Community Partnerships, and those funded by Title I funds. Criteria for placement of PCCs in schools vary by program.

The Division of ESOL/Bilingual Programs has 15.5 FTE 12-month Grade 20 bilingual parent community coordinators. ESOL parent community coordinators are assigned to provide direct services to schools based on an analysis of a variety of data points, such as overall ESOL enrollment, the native languages of the ESOL students at the school, AYP status, and the existence of a METS program. Schools that are identified as Status 1 schools are all high school ESOL centers and schools with METS programs. Status 1 schools receive 8 hours of parent outreach services per week. Schools identified as Status 2 schools are Title I schools or schools with 85 or more ESOL students. Status 2 schools receive 6 hours of parent outreach services per week. Schools that are not identified as either Status 1 or Status 2 schools receive services by making a referral to the ESOL office.

The Division of Family and Community Partnerships (DFCP) has 5.0 FTE 12-month Grade 17 parent community coordinators. These parent community coordinators work in collaboration with the division's other parent outreach staff to provide support to each quad cluster. Parent community coordinators provide service to all schools within the assigned quad cluster and are flexible in that they may also assist schools outside their assigned area when needed.

Title I schools are not allocated any PCCs based on specific criteria; rather, each Title I school receives an allocation of Title I funding each year. Each school principal, in collaboration with the school leadership team and input from the community, determines how Title I funds are spent—on teachers, paraeducators, PCCs and/or other resources. In FY 2007, Title I has 5.225 FTE 10-month Grade 17 parent community coordinators.

The following Title I schools have full or part-time parent community coordinator support:

Broad Acres Elementary School, Burnt Mills Elementary School, East Silver Spring Elementary School, Highland Elementary School, Kemp Mill Elementary School, Rolling Terrace Elementary School (assigned to the Silver Spring Judy Center), Rosemont Elementary School (assigned to the Gaithersburg Judy Center), Washington Grove Elementary School

There are 2.2 parent community coordinators in the K-12 budget. In some cases, schools have created these positions by realigning school allocations. Schools also may identify particular needs and request consideration to receive academic intervention staffing from the Office of School Performance. A limited number of positions are available to respond to these requests.

The cost of a 10-month Grade 17 parent community coordinator is \$52,571 (\$38,095 for salary and \$14,476 for benefits). The cost of a 12-month Grade 17 parent community coordinator is \$67,220 (\$48,710 for salary and \$18,510 for benefits). The cost of a 12-month Grade 20 parent community coordinator is \$73,798 (\$53,477 for salary and \$20,321 for benefits).